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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON TUNISIAN LOS DELEGATION
MEMBERS

REF: WILLIAMS TO BRAYSHAW LETTER DATED JANUARY 27, 1977

1. COMMANDANT ABDELAZIZ SAHBANI: SAHBANI, AGE ABOUT 34, JOINED THE TUNISIAN ARMY IN 1962 AND SWITCHED TO THE NAVY AT A LATER DATE. SINCE THEN HE HAS HAD PROMISING NAVAL CAREER WITH ASSIGNMENTS IN BOTH COMMAND AND STAFF POSITIONS. THESE HAVE INCLUDED COMMAND OF TUNISIAN PATROL CRAFT RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING PETROLEUM EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN DISPUTED AREAS BETWEEN TUNISIA AND LIBYA IN THE GULF OF GABES. SAHBANI HAS RECEIVED TRAINING UNDER U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH U.S. MILITARY OFFICIALS IN TUNISIA ON PROGRAMS TO UPGRADE TUNISIAN NAVY. WE BELIEVE THAT HE IS GENERALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S.

2. SAHBANI'S LOS ROLE IN TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO QUESTION OF OFF-SHORE BOUNDARY BETWEEN TUNISIA AND LIBYA. HE HAS REQUESTED U.S. ASSISTANCE IN UPDATING MAPS AND CHARTS OF REGION. SUGGEST INR/B CONSULT WITH ROBERT HODGSON, GEOGRAPHER OF THE DEPARTMENT (INR/RGE), CONCERNING SAHBANI'S VIEWS ON LOS.
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THEY MET ON AUGUST 17, 1976. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON SAHBANI'S LOS VIEWS.

3. MOHAMED MOULDI MARSIT: MARSIT WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR CONVENTIONS IN THE PRIME MINISTRY'S JURIDICAL AND LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORATE ON APRIL 14, 1976. WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT

WITH HIM AND NO INFORMATION ON HIS LOS VIEWS.

4. NO PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE.
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